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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

Please add new claims as follows:

13. (New) A portable tool having a housing and a hook portion provided in said housing,

said hook portion comprising:

a holding portion provided in a part of said housing and having a hole part; and

a hook having a catching portion and a base end portion that is provided consecutively from

an end part of said catching portion so as to be turnably attached into said hole part,

wherein said base end portion has a first cylindrical portion includes a first uneven

portion formed in said first cylindrical portion, and wherein said holding portion includes a

second uneven portion engaging with said first uneven portion.

14. (New) The portable tool according to claim 13, wherein said base end portion

includes a second cylindrical portion provided consecutively from said first cylindrical portion

and is devoid of unevenness on a surface thereof, and wherein said base end portion is held so as

to be able to move in an axial direction of said hole portion to a position at which engagement

between said first uneven portion and said second uneven portion is canceled.

- 15. (New) The portable tool according to claim 13, wherein convex parts of said first uneven portion and said second uneven portion extend in a direction in which said base end portion is inserted into said hole part.
- 16. (New) The portable tool according to claim 13, wherein each of convex parts of said first uneven portion and said second uneven portion comprises a plurality of teeth projecting in a direction of a radius of said first cylindrical portion.
- 17. (New) The portable tool according to claim 13, wherein an elastic body including a spring intervenes between said hook and said holding portion and pushes said hook in a direction in which said first uneven portion and said second uneven portion engage with each other.
- 18. (New) A portable tool having a housing and a hook portion provided in said housing, said hook portion comprising: a holding portion having a hole part; and

wherein said holding portion is provided at a part of said housing, wherein said hook comprises:

a catching portion; and

a hook,

a base end portion provided consecutively from an end part of said catching portion,

wherein said base end portion includes a first cylindrical part and is turnably attached into said hole part,

wherein a rotation restricting convex portion is formed on said first cylindrical part, and wherein a rotation restricting concave portion adapted to engage with said rotation restricting convex portion to thereby regulate a turning range, in which said base end portion turns, is formed in said hole part of said holding portion.

19. (New) The portable tool according to claim 18, wherein a first uneven portion is formed at a place, which differs from a position of said rotation restricting convex portion in said first cylindrical part, in an axial direction,

wherein a second uneven portion, adapted to engage with said first uneven portion, for fixing said base end portion is provided in a direction, in which said base end portion is turned, in said hole part, and

wherein said first uneven portion and said second uneven portion have a position, at which said first uneven portion and said second uneven portion engage with each other, in said regulated range.

20. (New) The portable tool according to claim 19, wherein said second uneven portion includes a plurality of uneven parts formed so as to be arranged in a circumferential direction of said hole part, and

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wherein said first uneven portion and said second uneven portion have a plurality of

positions, at each of which said first uneven portion and said second uneven portion engage with

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each other, in said turning range.

21. (New) The portable tool according to claim 19, wherein said base end portion

includes a second cylindrical portion that is provided consecutively from said first cylindrical

portion and that is devoid of unevenness of surfaces thereof, and wherein said second cylindrical

portion is held so as to be able to move in an axial direction of said hole part to a place at which

engagement between said first uneven portion and said second uneven portion is canceled.

22. (New) The portable tool according to claim 20, further comprising an elastic body

provided between said hook and said holding portion, and wherein said hook is pushed by said

elastic body in a direction in which said first uneven portion and said second uneven portion

engage with each other.

23. (New) A portable tool having a hook portion provided in a tool body, said hook

portion comprising:

a holding portion provided in said tool body; and

a hook provided in said holding portion,

wherein said hook comprises:

a catching portion; and

a base end portion provided consecutively from an end part of said catching portion,

wherein said base end portion comprises:

a cylindrical part; and

a first uneven part provided in a direction of a radius of said cylindrical part, wherein said holding portion comprises:

a rotation supporting hole for supporting said cylindrical part so as to enable said cylindrical part to turn around a predetermined axis; and

a second uneven part adapted to engage with said first uneven portion to thereby restrain said hook from turning, and

wherein when said base end portion of said hook performs relative movement in an axial direction of said holding portion, engagement between said first uneven part and said second uneven part is canceled.

- 24. (New) The portable tool according to claim 23, wherein an elastic body including a spring is provided in said holding portion so as to push said hook in a direction in which said first uneven part and said second uneven part engage with each other.
- 25. (New) A portable tool having a hook portion provided in a tool body, said hook portion comprising:
 - a holding portion provided in said tool body; and

a hook provided in said holding portion,

wherein said hook comprises:

a catching portion; and

a base end portion provided consecutively from an end part of said catching portion,

wherein said base end portion comprises:

a first cylindrical part provided at a side of said catching portion;

a rotation restricting convex part constituted by a projection extending in a direction of a radius of said first cylindrical part from an outer surface thereof;

a second cylindrical part provided at a side opposite to said catching portion consecutively from said first cylindrical part; and

a first uneven part provided on an outer surface of said cylindrical part,
wherein an outside diameter of said first uneven part is set to be smaller than an outside
diameter of said first cylindrical part, and

wherein said holding portion comprises:

a rotation holding hole for supporting said first cylindrical part so as to enable said first cylindrical part to turn;

a rotation restricting concave part adapted to engage with said rotation restricting convex part to thereby regulate a turning range of said hook; and

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a second uneven part adapted to engage with said first uneven part to thereby

restrain said hook from turning.

26. (New) The portable tool according to claim 25, wherein said rotation supporting hole

is formed so as to penetrate through said holding portion, wherein said second uneven portion is

provided in a central part of said holding portion, and wherein said rotation restricting concave

part is formed in each of both side portions of said second uneven part.

27. (New) The portable tool according to claim 25, wherein a slip-off preventing

member having an outside diameter, which is larger than an inside diameter of said second

uneven part, is attached to a side of said second cylindrical part, which is opposite to said

catching portion.

28. (New) The portable tool according to claim 13, wherein said housing includes a

main body portion and a handle portion provided consecutively from said main body portion,

wherein a motor and a speed reducer portion that reduces the rotation power of said

motor and transmits the rotation power to a tip tool is received in said main body portion, and

wherein said hook portion is disposed on said handle portion.

29. (New) The portable tool according to claim 18, wherein said housing includes a

main body portion and a handle portion consecutively from said main body portion,

wherein a motor and a speed reducer portion that reduces the rotation power of said motor and transmits the rotation power to a tip tool is received in said main body portion, and wherein said hook portion is disposed on said handle portion.

30. (New) The portable tool according to claim 23, wherein said tool body includes a main body portion and a handle portion consecutively from said main body portion,

wherein a motor and a speed reducer portion that reduces the rotation power of said motor and transmits the rotation power to a tip tool is received in said main body portion, and wherein said hook portion is disposed on said handle portion.

31. (New) The portable tool according to claim 25, wherein said tool body includes a main body portion and a handle portion consecutively from said main body portion,

wherein a motor and a speed reducer portion that reduces the rotation power of said motor and transmits the rotation power to a tip tool is received in said main body portion, and wherein said hook portion is disposed on said handle portion.